LITTLE LEVER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE LEVER

FOR THE YEAR

1970.

HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:- Councillor J. Hill.

Members:- All Members of the Council.

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Medical Officer of Health:- Dr. E. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:- A. C. Charlton, T.D., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:- E. M. Seager, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

J. E. H. Baines M.A.P.H.I.
(Appointed July, 1970.)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE LEVER FOR THE YEAR 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Little Lever Urban District Council

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the health and sanitary conditions of Little Lever, during the year ended 31st December, 1970.

Once again it is pleasing to be able to claim that the general health of the inhabitants compares most favourably with the rest of the country. The birth rate again persisted at over twice the national rate and the loss of infant life was minimal. There were 3 still-births and 3 infant deaths, producing a perinatal mortality rate of 14.0 compared with a national figure of 23.0.

There was an increase of 46 births and a decrease of 3 deaths compared with last year and the Registrar General's mid-year estimate of population showed an increase of 310 to a total of 7,620.

There were no maternal deaths.

Of the 71 deaths, 64 occurred in people aged 65 years and over and there were 4 deaths in the age group between 5 years and 35 years. Almost half the deaths were due to cardiovascular illnesses of which one-third were coronaries; one-fifth died from cancer and 15% from respiratory disease.

During the year measles was prevalent to the extent of 110 notified cases. It is to be hoped that with the re-commencement of vaccination against the disease, its usual biennial upsurge will be an occurrence of the past.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area in Acres.....808
Population - Census, 1961.....5,080
Population - Registrar General's mid-year estimate.7,620
No. of inhabited houses.....2,941
Rateable Value.....£238,004
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....£991

Births

Live Births	Male	Female	Total	England and Wales
Legitimate	145	120	265	
Illegitimate	4	5	9	
	149	125	274	

Live-birth rate (per 1,000 population) - crude 36.0, adjusted 41.0 16.0
Live-birth ratio of Local adjusted birth-rate to National birth-rate 2.57

Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	1	3

Still-birth rate (per 1,000 live and still-births) - 11.0 13.0

Deaths	Males	Female	Total	England and Wales
Deaths from all causes (see table).	39	32	71	575,208
Crude death rate	9.3 per 1,000 population			
Adjusted death rate	12.9 " " "			11.7
Ratio Local death rate to National rate	1.10			1.0

Infant deaths under 1 year	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	2	3

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	11.0	18.0
Neonatal mortality rate (under 4 weeks)	7.0	12.0
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 live-births).	14.0	23.0

Table of Causes of Death

Causes of Death	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.		1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Anaemias		1
Multiple Sclerosis		1
Hypertensive Disease	1	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	6	6
Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	8
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	
Influenza	1	
Pneumonia	4	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia		1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System		1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.		1
Motor vehicle Accidents	1	
All Other Accidents	2	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	39	32

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Infectious Diseases

Disease	Cases	Deaths
Whooping Cough	1	0
Tuberculosis	2	0
Measles	110	0

There were no cases notified of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Acute Pneumonia or Food-poisoning.

General Provision of Health Services for Area

Vaccination and Immunisation

This service is undertaken by the family doctor or the Local Health Authority in the Mytham Road Clinic.

Ambulance Service Lancashire County Council - Telephone SWINTON 4343

Care of Children - Children's Act, 1948

Area Children's Office (Lancashire County Council).
Area Children's Officer - BURY. Telephone BURY 3228.

Clinics (Lancashire County Council) Mytham Road

Ante-natal.
Immunisation against Diptheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Measles.
Vaccination.
Maternity and Child Welfare.
School Health Service.

Venereal Disease: Civic Centre, Bolton.

Males: Monday - Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Females: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Convalescence - Lancashire County Council - Apply Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh, Lancashire. (Telephone LEIGH 73227).

Health Visiting:

A Health Visitor is employed by the Lancashire County Council.

Home Nursing:

A District Nursing Service is maintained by the Lancashire County Council.

Hospitals:

Bolton Royal Infirmary.
Bolton District General Hospital, Farnworth.

Laboratory Facilities:

Available at Bolton Hospitals and Public Health Laboratory Service, Withington Hospital.

Midwifery Service:

Midwives employed by Lancashire County Council.

Unmarried Mothers:

Provision for their care is made by Lancashire County Council, by agreement with the Council for Moral Welfare: Miss A. Rigby,
24 Acresfield,
BOLTON. Telephone BOLTON 28524.

Welfare Services:

Provided by Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Health Committee.

Home-Help: - Apply to Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh, Lancs.

Voluntary Services:

As in previous years, the Old People's Voluntary Welfare Committee continued to integrate and co-ordinate voluntary activities in the field of old people's welfare most successfully.

Interest among the older citizens was stimulated by social events at the Civic Hall.

Christmas parcels to the over 80's and Meals-on-Wheels in particular, continue to be most invaluable and much appreciated.

Adoptive Acts in Force

Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1890, Part 4.
Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907, Parts 2 and 4.
Public Health Acts, 1925, Part 2 (Except Sections 22 and 25).
Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Sanitary Accommodation:

The types of sanitary accommodation, with the numbers of each type, at the end of 1970, were as follows:-

Waste Water Closets	9
Fresh Water Closets	3,193
Moveable Dustbins	3,651
Number of Houses Not On Water Carriage System	4

Sanitary Inspections

During the year 1970, 636 premises were visited for all aspects of public health and this involved a total of 1,123 visits. As a result, 66 nuisances were discovered and of these 46 were abated by the service of 15 informal and 2 Statutory Notices; legal proceedings were instituted in 2 cases and these were successful.

A considerable number of visits were made in connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme and 99 houses were demolished from previously confirmed Orders, as well as 3 individually unfit houses.

Food Premises

There are now 16 shops in the district supplying General groceries and provisions; 7 supplying Greengroceries and fruit (including wet fish); 2 Fishmongers; 7 Meat Shops; 7 Bakers and Confectioners; 6 Fried Fish Shops and 8 Sweet Shops.

All have been visited by the Public Health Inspectorate and the general standards of improvement shown in recent years have been maintained. No exemption certificates have been issued in accordance

Food Premises (Continued)

with Regulation 16 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and all premises comply with Regulation 19.

There are no slaughterhouses or poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

Water

The Water Undertaking responsible for supply in the area is the Bolton Corporation Water Board and supplies have remained constant throughout the year. A total of 127 new dwellings were supplied during 1970.

During the year, 671 samples of raw water and 1,573 samples of treated water were submitted for bacteriological examination, together with 24 samples for chemical analysis.

All raw water was found to be satisfactory and 98% of the treated water samples were satisfactory. The fluoride content (natural) in the supply is 0.15 ppm.

The water supplies are all chlorinated and have no plumbo-solvent reaction. During 1970, 393 yards of 2 inch pipe, 434 yards of 3 inch pipe and 198 yards of 4 inch pipe were laid to service new dwellings.

Sewage and Refuse Disposal

All sewage from the Urban District is treated at the Ringley Fold Works of the Bolton and District Joint Sewerage Board of which the Council is a constituent member. The treatment is screening, sedimentation (Activated Sludge Process) and filtration, and the final effluent is highly satisfactory. 127 new houses were connected to the public sewers during 1970.

Domestic Refuse continues to be collected weekly by the Council's vehicle, and a new vehicle has been purchased to improve the service, which was affected by the continued increase in population. A further scheme has been operated on the sack system and this has proved successful both in improved cleanliness and speed of collection.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's own Tip.

Rodent Control

The incidence of rodent complaints is small and all domestic premises are dealt with under contract with Rentokil Laboratories, Limited, who are normally available within 24 hours of the receipt of a complaint and obviate the problems of illness and holidays among the Council's own staff. This system has continued to work satisfactorily and during the year 141 properties were treated.

Sewer treatments using fluoracetamide are carried out twice annually by the same Company.

Atmospheric Pollution

The Council are members of the S.E.L.N.E.C. Consultative Committee for Atmospheric Pollution and are actively interested in a general improvement of the atmosphere, but other matters such as slum clearance, have postponed action in implementing the Clean Air Acts, although various schemes carried out by the Council in recent years have resulted in a marked improvement of the local environment.

The Council's first smokeless zone involving 357 properties was declared during the year and will become fully operative on 1st October, 1971.

Housing

The development of the township continued during the year, 127 houses were built by private developers and the total number of Council owned properties is 905 made up as follows:-

Under 1919 Scheme	107
Under Housing Act, 1923	11
Under Housing Act, 1924	107
During Period 1936-1938	101
During Period 1947-1969	579

So that two-thirds of the Council houses are post-war and if the immediate pre-war period is considered, almost three-quarters are less than 40 years old.

Warden Supervised Schemes

The Council have two Schemes for Aged Persons with Warden Supervision and have approved the provision of a third Scheme of 24 self-contained flats also with Warden Supervision; the building was commenced in June 1970.

The general standard of housing in the district continues to improve and compares very favourably with adjoining districts. There are still about 400 cottage-type properties in the area, of which about 125 have outlived their useful life and have been included in the next 5 year Clearance Programme.

The balance of the older properties are in a somewhat better condition and many have a useful period of life left and with improvement, could be useful housing units for the rest of their existence.

During 1970, only 8 applications for Standard Grants were made to the Council and 6 were approved, but in general house owners still do not appear to take advantage of the Grants available.

The re-development of the Town Centre as a Shopping Precinct following the demolition of unfit houses in Clearance Areas with a consequent improvement in services and environment has now been completed and is proving extremely viable.

Town Planning

The County Council have delegated powers to the Local Authority for the purpose of Town Planning. The closest co-operation exists between the Local Authority and the County Council in all matters relating to Town Planning.

In conclusion, may I be allowed to express my appreciation for the continued co-operation of my colleagues and to all Members of the Committee for their interest and understanding.

E. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961, during the year 1970. (ref. item (14) Page 9 Form Stat.11.)

PART I OF THE ACT

(14) 1 - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced, by the Local Authority.	22	9	1	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers Premises).	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	31	9	1	Nil

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1		1	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1		1	
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).					
TOTAL	2	2		2	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134).

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises.	Notices served.	Prose-cutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing)Making apparel)etc.,)Cleaning)and)Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace cur-tains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						

NIL

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.				NIL		
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stock-ings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL:						